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SUBJECT:PRESS SUMMARY, APRIL 17

1. NYT, WP, AND SUN ALL HAD FRONT PAGE STORIES ON CC
PLENUM: NYT BY CHRISTOPHER WREN HEADLINED "SOVIET
POLITBURO DROPS SHELEPIN, ONCE A CONTENDER FOR POWER;"
WP BY PETER OSNOS, HEADLINED "SOVIET OUSTS BREZHNEV
RIVAL" SUBHEAD "DETENTE BACKED"; SUN BY MICHAEL PARKS
HEADLINED "SOVIET PANEL REAFFIRMS DETENTE GOAL." NYT
STORY CONCENTRATES ON SHELEPIN OUSTER, WHILE WP AND SUN
DEAL AT SOME LENGTH WITH BOTH THE OUSTER AND THE CC
RESOLUTION. SUN, LIKE WP, INDICATES THAT ALTHOUGH BOTH
DETENTE AND BREZHNEV POSITION REAFFIRMED, BREZHNEV
DID NOT RECEIVE RINGING PERSONAL ENDORSEMENT HE HAD BEEN
GIVEN AFTER SIMILAR REVIEW TWO YEARS AGO AND SUPPORT
FOR DETENTE COUPLED WITH STRONG WARNINGS ABOUT THREATS
FROM "THE FORCES OF WAR, REACTION AND AGGRESSION."
SUN ALSO INTERPRETS RESOLUTION AS OVERRIDING THE DOUBTS
OF MILITARY MEN OPPOSING NEW ARMS CONTROL MEASURES.

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2. CSM (PAGE 27) CHARLES W. YOST COLUMN, DATELINED

MOSCOW, HEADLINE "MIDEAST DIALOGUE - IN MOSCOW." SOVIETS

NOT GLOATING AT FAILURE OF SHUTTLE DIPLOMACY BUT
REFLECT SATISFACTION THAT EFFORT WILL NOW BE CENTERED
IN GENEVA. THEY DO NOT UNDERESTIMATE DIFFICULTIES IN
REACHING SETTLEMENT, BUT UNDERLINE ARAB CONVICTION
SUBSTANTIAL PROGRESS MUST BE MADE IN 1975 SINCE 1976
IS U.S. ELECTION YEAR. THEY BELIEVE QUESTION OF PLO
REPRESENTATION CAN BE WORKED OUT BEHIND SCENES, AND
THAT IF ISRAEL RECOGNIZES PALESTINIAN ARAB STATE,
PLO WILL RECOGNIZE ISRAEL. YOST BELIEVES ON BALANCE
SOVIETS WOULD PREFER SETTLEMENT TO CONTINUED
INSTABILITY IN VIEW OF DANGER OF WAR AND US-SOVIET
CONFRONTATION.

3. WP (PAGE 19) VICTOR ZORZA COLUN HEADLINED "KREMLIN
DIFFERENCES ON DETENTE."

4. WP (PAGE B3) QUOTES UPI REPORT THAT PRESIDENT FORD
TOLD SOME EDITORS AT RECEPTION YESTERDAY THAT BREZHNEV
VISIT MIGHT BE DELAYED UNTIL SEPTEMBER. KISSINGER

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